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NEBRASKA FCCLA MEMBERS LEAD, SERVE AT THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

More than 1,100 students from all areas of Nebraska will gather for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference held in Lincoln April 2-4. The conference will take place at the Pinnacle Bank Arena and hotels in and around the Haymarket area.

During the three-day conference, students will participate in large and small group sessions and workshops on youth issues led by many inspiring speakers. Topics will include leadership development, time management, entrepreneurship, healthy relationships, Fuel Up to Play 60! and many more. Students may also attend the Opportunity Fair to connect with partners on local projects and visit with colleges and universities from the Midwest to discover post-secondary opportunities.

In addition to sessions and opportunities, students will have the chance to give back to the Lincoln community through FCCLA Serves. More than 140 students will participate in service projects at places such as People's City Mission, Lincoln Children's Museum, CEDARS, and Keep Lincoln Beautiful. Students may also choose to go on tours of local facilities such as the UNL Food Innovation Center, Food Bank of Lincoln, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

This year, more than 500 students will compete in Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events at the State Leadership Conference. STAR Events recognize members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. The top two in each event will compete at the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee this July.

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